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ST. CHARLES MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

ST. LOUIS, Missouri - Michael L. Gulley pled guilty to possession of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway of the Eastern District of Missouri announced today.

On November 10, 2005, after receiving information from Gulley's employer, the St. Charles Police Department obtained a search warrant for his residence and workplace, for computers and computer media containing child pornography. Gulley admitted that he had taken photographs of faces of minor females in his church youth group and had pasted those photographs so that it appeared that the minor females were engaged in sexually explicit conduct with himself and other adults.

Gulley, 45, 3600 block of Ehlmann Road, St. Charles, Missouri, pled guilty to one felony count of possession of child pornography. He appeared before United States District Judge Charles A. Shaw.

Gulley now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or fines up to \$250,000, followed by supervised release for life. Sentencing has been set for May 2007.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov

Hanaway commended the work on the case by the St. Charles Police Department, the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Assistant United States Attorney Carrie Costantin, who is handling the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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